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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC APRIL 4, 1973 FROM
MOSCOW IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJ: ARABS TOLD BY SOVIETS THAT JEWISH EMIGRATION LIMITED TO
OLD AND UNTRAINED

1. MFA NEAR EAST COUNSELOR PYRLIN, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMOFF
ON APRIL 3, ELABORATED ON THEME THAT MOSCOW IS UNDER PRESSURE
FROM ARAB QUARTERS TO LIMIT EMIGRATION BY SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL.

2. HE SAID THAT DURING HAFEZ ISMAIL' S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN
FEBRUARY, EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT' S ADVISOR POINTEDLY COMPLAINED TO
SOVIET LEADERSHIP ABOUT SOVIET JEWS EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL AND
VOICED ARAB CONCERN THAT YOUNG, QUALIFIED SOVIET JEWS WILL
STRENGTHEN ISRAELI MILITARY. ACCORDING TO PYRLIN, SOVIET LEADERS
RESPONDED AT THAT BY SAYING THAT MOSCOW IS LIMITING EMIGRATION
TO THE OLD AND TO JEWS WHO ARE UNTRAINED. ASKED BY EMOFF IF
SOVIET GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE POLICY WHICH, AS HE
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DESCRIBED IT, BLOCKS YOUNG, TALENTED SOVIET JEWS FROM EMIGRATING, PYRLIN AVOIDED CLEAR RESPONSE BY SIMPLY INDICATING THAT USSR FACED BY DILEMMA OVER ISSUE . PYRLIN SAID MOSCOW IS KEEN ON IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US BUT MUST ALSO ATTEND TO ITS INTERESTS IN ARAB WORLD.

2. COMMENT. WE WOULD JUDGE THAT PYRLIN IS OVERSTATING MOSCOW' S CONCERN OVER ARAB REACTION TO JEWISH EMIGRATION. WHILE THIS IS A FACTOR, SOVIET DILEMMA HAS MORE TO DO WITH INTERNAL REQUIREMENTS OF SOVIET SOAN AND LISBON: REP. DERWINSKI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED FROM BARBADOS BY DAUGHTER, MAUREEN INSTEAD OF WIFE. CODEL REQUESTS ADJOINING ROOMS FOR DERWINSKI AND DAUGHTER. ROGERS

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